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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S TRIP TO AFRICA

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1. AMBASSADOR YOUNG WILL BE TRAVELING TO AFRICA ON MAY 9 TO ATTEND AF CHIEFS OF MISSION CONFERENCE IN ABIDJAN AND TO LEAD US DELEGATION AT UN CONFERENCE ON ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA IN MAPUTO FROM MAY 16-21. IN CONNECTION WITH ATTENDANCE AT THESE CONFERENCES AMBASSADOR YOUNG WOULD LIKE TO MAKE ADDITIONAL STOPS TO MEET WITH AFRICAN LEADERS. THERE FOLLOWS BELOW A PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR

AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S TRIP TO AFRICA. TIMES LISTED ARE ALL APPROXIMATE AND LOCAL AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE:

MAY 9 - 2010 DEPART ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE, WASHINGTON, FOR ABIDIAN:

MAY 10- 1000 ARRIVE ABIDJAN FOR AF CHIEFS OF MISSION CONFERENCE AND MEETING WITH PRESIDENT HOUPHUET-BOIGNY:

MAY 13- 0800 DEPART ABIDJAN 0900 ARRIVE ACCRA FOR VISIT WITH PRESIDENT ACHEAMPONG AND GHANIAN OFFICIALS; 1600 DEPART ACCRA; 1800 ARRIVE LAGOS FOR MEETING WITH PRESIDENT OBASANJO AND FOREIGN MINISTER GARBA:

MAY 14- NOON DEPARTURE FOR LISBON; 1830 ARRIVE LISBON;

MAY 15 MEETING IN LISBON WITH VICE-PRESIDENT MONDALE;

MAY 16 0500 DEPART LISBON -- FUEL STOP IN AFRICA

----- (POSSIBLE GABON) 2230 (APPROXIMATE) ARRIVE IN

----- MAPUTO;

MAY 16 TO 20 ATTENDANCE AT MAPUTO CONFERENCE ON ZIMBABWE

----- AND NAMIBIA;

- 2. REMAINDER OF SCHEDULE WILL BE SUBJECT OF SEPTEL.
- 3. AMBASSADOR YOUNG WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY APPROXIMATELY TEN US OFFICIALS FROM DEPARTMENT, CONGRESS AND OTHER US AGENCIES AND 14 MEMBERS OF THE PRESS. IN ADDITION, AIR FORCE CREW OF ABOUT 12 WILL BE MAKING TRIP. LIST OF ACCOMPANYING PARTY WITH PASSPORT INFORMATION WILL BE SENT SEPTEL. CONFIDENTIAL

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- 4. ACTION POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO INFORM DEPARTMENT SOONEST IF TIMING OF VISITS TO THEIR COUNTRIES ARE FEASIBLE
 AND WHETHER HOST GOVERNMENT HEADS OF STATES WILL BE
 AVAILABLE FOR MEETINGS WITH AMB YOUNG AND SELECTED US
 OFFICIALS. IF TIMING IS SUITABLE, POSTS MAY INFORM HOST
 GOVERNMENTS OF TENTATIVE PLANS AND BEGIN MAKING APPOINTMENTS. DEPARTMENT WILL CONFIRM FINAL SCHEDULE AS SOON AS
 ALL POSTS HAVE RESPONDED TO THIS CABLE. AMB YOUNG WILL
 LEAVE TO POSTS SUGGESTIONS FOR SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS WITH
 HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS BESIDES HEADS OF STATE AND ASKS
 THAT AMBASSADOR AT EACH POST ACCOMPANY HIM ON HIS CALLS.
 SINCE IO ASST. SECRETARY MAYNES WILL BE TRAVELLING WITH
 PARTY, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO MULTILATERAL DIALOGUE IF
 SENIOR MFA IO OFFICIAL BE INCLUDED IN AT LEAST ONE OF
 SCHEDULED EVENTS.
- 5. POSTS SHOULD ALSO MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS FOR PARTY. DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZES THAT THIS WILL PRESENT DIFFICULTY

FOR POSTS BECAUSE OF LARGE SIZE OF PARTY.

- 6. OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF AMB. YOUNG'S TRIP WITH ITINERARY WILL BE MADE AFTER RESPONSES FROM POSTS ARE RECEIVED. ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE FOR HANDLING PRESS CONTINGENT WILL BE PROVIDED SEPTEL.
- 7. FOR ABIDJAN: WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR HOUSING OFFICIAL PARTY AT HOTEL IVOIRE WITH REST OF PARTICIPANTS OF CHIEFS OF MISSION CONFERENCE. PRESS SHOULD BE ACCOMMODATED AS CLOSE TO PARTY AS POSSIBLE.
- 8. FOR MAPUTO: WE UNDERSTAND MAPUTO AIRPORT NORMALLY CLOSES AT 1800 LOCAL. IS IT POSSIBLE AIRPORT WILL REMAIN OPEN TO ACCOMMODATE AMBASSADOR YOUNG AND OTHER LATE ARRIVALS FOR CONFERENCE? DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES ACUTE PROBLEM YOU WILL HAVE FINDING ACCOMMODATIONS FOR CONFIDENTIAL

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AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S PARTY. PLEASE ADVISE IF ALTERNATE ARRANGEMENTS FOR HOUSING PARTY AND PRESS MIGHT BE POSSIBLE. AMBASSADOR YOUNG INVITES AMBASSADOR DEPREE TO JOIN HIM AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY MAYNES AS MEMBERS OF OFFICIAL US DELEGATION TO MAPUTO CONFERENCE.

- 9. FOR LISBON: AMBASSADOR YOUNG WILL BE PLEASED TO ACCEPT AMBASSADOR CARLUCCI'S INVITATION TO STAY WITH HIM AT EMBASSY.
- IU. FOR LIBREVILLE: DEPARTMENT BELIEVES IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF AMBASSADOR YOUNG MADE FUEL STOP EN ROUTE FROM LISBON TO MAPUTO IN GABON AND HAD OPPORTUNITY TO MEET BRIEFLY WITH PRESIDENT BONGO.
 PURPOSE OF STOP WOULD BE TO CONSULT BRIEFLY WITH BONGO ON AFRICAN ISSUES ON EVE OF BONGO'S ACCESSION AS CHAIRMAN OF OAU. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER SUCH VISIT FEASIBLE.
- 11. POSTS SHOULD BEAWARE THAT DEPARTMENT WILL REQUESTEST BLANKET VISA WAIVERS FOR ALL MEMBERS OF PRESS, PARTY AND CREW AS THERE WILL BE NO TIME TO ARRANGE VISAS IN US.

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